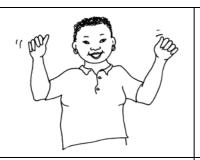
Naloxone

This is an easy way to read this word... nal-ocks-ohn



What is this leaflet for?

This leaflet is to help you understand more about your medicine.



What is the medicine called?

Naloxone will come as an injection called Naloxone Mini Jet.



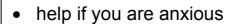
What is naloxone for?

Naloxone could be used for different reasons.

Naloxone is used for substance addiction.

Naloxone is sometimes used for people who have behaviour problems.

For example, it could...



- help calm you down
- help you feel less angry
- help you feel less tense.



What will naloxone do?



Naloxone should help you feel calm and relaxed.

It could take some time for naloxone to have its full effect.

This effect should reduce your behaviour problem.



For example, it may...

- help you control your temper
- help you stop hurting yourself
- help you stop breaking things.



What are the side effects of naloxone?

Side effects are effects medicine can have on your body that are not wanted.

Not everyone taking a medicine will get side effects.

Many side effects will go away with time.

Many side effects are rare.



You might want to talk to your doctor if you have any side effects.

For example, these are some side effects of naloxone...

- feeling dizzy or faint when you stand up
- feeling more agitated
- headache
- itching or burning skin.



Some side effects are more serious.

You should tell someone straight away if you have problems breathing.

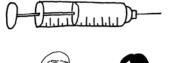




A nurse or doctor will give you your injection.

Your injection will usually be given in your buttock or thigh.

Your doctor or nurse will tell you how often you need your injection.



If you forget to have your injection, tell someone straight away.



You should carry on having your injection even if you feel better unless your doctor asks you to stop.

You should talk to your doctor before you stop taking your medicine.

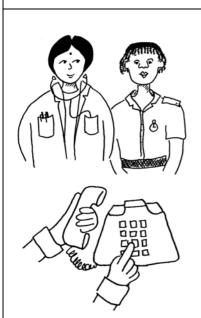


What do I need to know about naloxone?

Drinking alcohol whilst taking naloxone could make you feel drowsy.

Some medicines do not work well together.

You should tell your doctor about any other medicines you are taking.



Where can I get more information?

This leaflet does not tell you everything about naloxone.

If you want more information about naloxone

- you can ask your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for more information
- you can ask your carer to get more information
- you can phone NHS Direct on 0845 4647
- you can phone a medicine information helpline on 020 3228 2999.

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